

Safe Cribs for Missouri Program Eligibility and Guidelines

1. Client must be a Missouri resident.
2. Client should be at least 35 weeks gestation (or 5 weeks before scheduled due date) or postpartum.
3. If postpartum, the infant should be less than three months old.
4. Financial Eligibility: Client must be eligible for WIC, MO HealthNet (Missouri Medicaid), or have an income level that is equal to or less than 185% of the federal poverty level.
5. The program is for clients who have no safe full-size or portable crib and no other resources for obtaining one.
6. Each client will participate in an initial safe sleep education session and a follow-up education session provided by the Local Public Health Agency (LPHA), following the most recent American Academy of Pediatrics Recommendations for a Safe Infant Sleeping Environment.
 - a. Initial Education – The LPHA educator meets with the client to provide safe sleep education and teach the client how to set up the crib. At the end of the session, the crib is given to the client. The initial education may be done in the client's home (\$75 reimbursement rate) or in the office (\$50 reimbursement rate).
 - b. Follow-Up Education – The purpose of the follow-up education is to assess the family's use of safe sleep practices, answer questions, reinforce teaching points, and work with the family to overcome any barriers to safe sleep. If the client receives the crib before the baby is born, the follow-up is conducted when the baby is approximately 4-6 weeks old. If the client receives the crib after the baby is born, the follow-up is conducted approximately 4-6 weeks after the client receives the crib. The follow-up education can be conducted in the client's home (\$75 reimbursement rate), in the office (\$50 reimbursement rate), or by phone (\$50 reimbursement rate).
7. If the LPHA has made three attempts to contact the client for the initial education and crib setup and the client has not responded, the crib may be reassigned to the next eligible client.
8. A client can be considered lost to follow-up if she/he does not respond to three attempts to complete the follow-up education. In that case, there is no reimbursement.
9. The LPHA should submit one invoice per client (for both education sessions) using the "Vendor Request for Payment – Safe Cribs Program" form provided by the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). If invoices are not received within 60 days after the completion of services to the client, DHSS may refuse payment.

For additional information about the Safe Cribs for Missouri program, contact Mary List at (573) 526-4405 or Mary.List@health.mo.gov.